



City of Granite City

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Plan Commission Minutes

July 5, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman, John Janek, called the meeting of the Plan Commission to Order on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE and SWEAR-IN/COMMENTS

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and those present in the audience were sworn in. Following the welcoming remarks, the Chair stated the Plan Commission is a recommending body to the City Council and the Council will make the final determination at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, July 17, 2012.

ATTENDANCE/ROLL CALL

Members Present: John Janek, Jack Taylor, Don Luddeke, Mary Jo Akeman, Peggy Cunningham, Jim Smith and Michael Spanberger. Excused absences: Mark Davis and Frank Greathouse. Unexcused Shirley Howard. Also present were Alderman Dan McDowell Zoning Administrator Steve Willaredt.

MINUTES & AGENDA

A Motion to approve the Minutes from the previous meeting held on June 7, 2012, and this evening's Agenda was made by Jack Taylor and seconded by Peggy Cunningham. Voice vote. All ayes.

COUNCIL REPORT

Alderman Dan McDowell reported the two Petitions that were recommended by the Plan Commission for final passage were granted approval by the City Council.

- (1) SBA Communication's request to purchase an existing telecommunications tower at 387 West Pontoon, located in a Planned Unit Development District.
- (2) Request for a Special Use Permit to allow new ownership to continue use as an Auto Body Shop at 2617 Kate Street.

PETITIONER: Excell Communications
for T-Mobile Central, LLC
2901 Nameoki Road

The Chairman introduced the Petitioner's request to intensify the existing telecommunications tower located on property commonly known as St. John United Church of Christ.

Mr. Larry Coyle introduced himself and stated he is representing Jay Webber of Excell Communications, the Agent for T-Mobile, and said their proposal is to simply upgrade service for their customers in the area by adding ground equipment. The tower itself will remain "as is" in appearance.

Discussion followed. Don Luddeke asked if there would be additional carriers added to the Tower and Mr. Coyle replied, to the best of his knowledge, there are three presently and there is likely not room enough for much more.

Mary Jo Akeman applauded Excell for use of an existing tower, rather than presenting a proposal to construct a new tower. No further discussion.

MOTION by Mary Jo Akeman and seconded by Jack Taylor to allow the request for intensification of the existing tower and allow additional equipment to be added. Roll Call vote. Six ayes and one abstain.

REVIEWS: None scheduled

NEW BUSINESS: No

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None scheduled

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn by Mike Spanberger and seconded by Jack Taylor Voice vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara Hawkins

Secretary, Plan Commission

PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

Hearing Date: July 5, 2012

PETITIONER: Excell Communications
Jay Webber, Agent for T-Mobile Central
1033 Corporate Square Drive, Suite 116
St. Louis, Missouri 63132
Intensification of Tower, adding equipment/canister

MOTION by Mary Jo Akeman and seconded by Jack Taylor to approve the request to add equipment to existing tower located at 2901 Nameoki Road, commonly known as St. John United Church of Christ. Zoned C-6, in a Planned Unit Development District.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

John Janek	Yes	Peggy Cunningham	Yes
Jack Taylor	Yes	Jim Smith	Abstain
Don Luddeke	Yes	Michael Spanberger	Yes
Mary Jo Akeman	Yes		

6 Ayes and 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Motion carried by unanimous consent.